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1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 3/22/04 as Paper 9 was filed after the mailing date of the final Office Action of Paper 8 on 3/12/04. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner. The Examiner has considered the IDS submitted on 3/22/04, but maintains the rejection of claims 1-22 as stated on the Notice of Allowability of Paper 8 on 3/12/04.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andy S. Rao whose telephone number is (703)-305-4813. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8 hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris S. Kelley can be reached on (703)-305-4856. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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